



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
YOUNGER AHLUWALIA et al.) : Examiner: Ruddock, Ula Corrina
Application No.: 10/766,652) : Group Art Unit: 1771
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For: COMPOSITE MATERIAL)

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R § 1.132 OF MR. YOUNGER AHLUWALIA

YOUNGER AHLUWALIA, declares and says that:

1. I am Product Development Manager, Coated Products of ElkCorp, the assignee of the instant application and the Ahluwalia '257 patent cited by the Examiner.
2. The above-identified application discloses and claims products that include a composite material comprising a coated substrate and a metallic component adhered thereto.
3. I am a co-inventor of the subject matter of this application, having invented the coated substrate which is described on pages 6 et seq. of this application.
4. I am familiar with the prosecution history of the present application and I have read the outstanding September 28, 2006 Office Action for this application.

5. I am the sole inventor of the subject matter of United States Patent No. 5,965,257 on which the rejection in light of Ahluwalia is based in the September 28, 2006 Office Action for this application.
6. To summarize, the portions of the Ahluwalia patent being relied upon to reject the claims of the instant application are, in fact, my own work.

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Subscribed this 24 day of January, 20067
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